

NO HITCH OVER CHINA

Rumor to That Effect Vigorously Denied in Berlin.

BOXER ACTIVITY IN PROVINCES

French Troops Ordered to Withdraw About May 1.

GEN. CHAFFEE NOTIFIED

BERLIN, April 23.—Officials here emphatically denied the report cabled from London, that new complications have arisen in the China question, and that Washington, London and Berlin are busily conferring on the subject.

The Cologne Volks-Zeitung prints correspondence from a German missionary in China, which says that in southern Peking the Boxers are preparing for another great rising, especially in the district of Kuang-Ping-Fu and Nai-Ming-Fu, where the population sympathizes with the Boxers because of the famine there. The population persistently disregards the decrees issued by the authorities.

Referring to Yu-Hsien (the former governor of Shan-Su), the correspondent says Emperor Kwang-Su was fully informed on the subject of Yu-Hsien's murders of foreigners and ordered the provincial judge at Kan-Su to decapitate Yu-Hsien, who has since fled and disappeared.

French to Leave in May

A dispatch from Peking yesterday says: General Vovran, the commander of the French troops in China, has informed General Chaffee that 10,000 French soldiers will leave China next May.

The numerous appointments of Chinese with pronounced anti-foreign tendencies is causing comment at Peking. Even the former Chinese minister at Berlin, who is now in the Chinese capital, is reported to have been appointed to a post in the Chinese capital.

The views of the foreign ministers on the withdrawal of the troops are not shared by the great majority of the foreign residents in China. The French minister, for example, has business reasons and that others would have to vacate the fine buildings they are now occupying rent free when the troops are withdrawn.

Renewed Military Activity.

According to a dispatch to the London Mail from St. Petersburg, official information has been received that renewed military activity is beginning in Manchuria. Chinese troops are strongly entrenched at three points around Mukden. They are armed with good Mauser rifles and have thirty Krupp guns.

To the eastward of Mukden, near Turchausen, there are 12,000 men, under the chief Boxer general, Lutante. To the northwest, near Kulo, there are 6,000 Chinese, under the chief Boxer general, Kulo. To the eastward, in Mongolia, and near the Shan mountains, there are 9,000 Chinese, under the chief Boxer general, Shan.

Admiral Alexieff has accordingly organized an expedition under Gen. Zernitsky, consisting of two regiments and five squadrons of Cossack troops, and a body of volunteers, to operate against the three points mentioned. The first movement was successfully carried out on the morning of April 22, when the Chinese troops were driven from their positions.

Owing to the departure of most of the Russian troops from Manchuria, the latter city has become very unsafe. Almost all Russian sentinels are found shot in the back.

DEATH OF E. S. NETTLETON.

Expert on Irrigation Employed by Department of Agriculture.

DENVER, Col., April 23.—E. S. Nettleton, for the past two years connected with the Department of Agriculture in Washington, as an expert on matters pertaining to irrigation, is dead at the homeopathic hospital, of heart disease. He was sixty-nine years of age.

About a week ago in La Junta, Col., Mr. Nettleton overexerted himself in running for a train and upon his arrival here was taken to the hospital, where he remained until his death. Mr. Nettleton was one of the most prominent engineers in the west and active in the promotion of irrigation in the United States.

CONGREGATIONAL CONVENTION.

Session of New Jersey Association Meets in Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Md., April 23.—The thirty-third annual session of the New Jersey Congregational Association met at the Asbury Hotel here today. The association was called to order by Rev. J. Owen Jones of Bound Brook, N. J. After the roll call and organization Rev. Oliver Huckle, pastor of the church, made a short address, heartily welcoming the convention to Baltimore and his church. The association embraces the churches of the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

The general theme for discussion is "The Gospel Emphasis for the Twentieth Century." The convention will continue three days. Rev. Dr. Newman, pastor of the First Church, and Rev. M. Ross Fisher, pastor of the Mount Pleasant Church, will make addresses. The Associate Congregational Church is one of the largest churches in Baltimore, and one of the handsomest.

New Type Machine Company.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 23.—The National Composite Company of Baltimore, with a capital of \$3,000,000, was chartered at Dover, Del., today. The company will manufacture and sell typewriting and type composing machines. The directors are William A. Tottle, Charles B. Mann and William H. Matthai of Baltimore.

\$62,000 for Stock Exchange Seat.

NEW YORK, April 23.—The recent sale of a stock exchange membership is admitted to have been at \$62,000. The highest authenticated price paid hitherto is \$61,000.

ALLEGATIONS OF FRAUD

Street Railway Men Charged With Swindling Company.

SIX CONDUCTORS AND TWO OTHER EMPLOYEES PLACED UNDER ARREST.

An Alleged Confession.

Eight men in the employ of the Washington Traction and Electric Company were locked up last night, and this morning charged with conspiracy to defraud the company. The arrests were made by the detectives under Inspector Boardman on complaint of Gen. George H. Harries, first vice president of the railroad corporation. An investigation of the alleged wrongdoings of some of the railroad employees has been going on for several weeks.

Gen. Harries has conducted the investigation, his attention having been called to a falling off of something like \$400 in the daily receipts from the several lines of the syndicate. President McDermott, it is stated, was also making an investigation. The arrests referred to resulted from the work done by the vice president after he had been fully convinced that the company was not getting money for all the fares actually collected.

George W. Cadarr, engineer, and Richard Williams, fireman, who were employed at East Capitol and 15th streets in the district of Columbia, were the first to be arrested. They were taken to the police station and placed under arrest. The other six men were taken to the police station and placed under arrest.

Canceled Tickets Found.

It has been the custom of the company to burn the canceled tickets in each day. It was believed the canceled tickets were being turned in, and in addition to these tickets, it is stated, a number of counterfeit tickets were turned in, and this phase of the case is also under investigation. Later developments convinced those interested just how the tickets were taken from the furnace, and the statement of Engineer Williams, who was the first to be arrested, was found to be true.

The Arrests.

John N. Meyers was arrested in Georgetown about 4:30 o'clock this morning, just after he had finished his night's work. He had on him two punches, but no money. The punches were taken from his car near the East Capitol street barn, and he made his last report at the ninth precinct station instead of at the office of the railway company. A bunch of tickets taken from his pocket showed they had been canceled with different punches, and also showed evidence of having been used.

In Police Court.

Attorney Carrington, representing Engineer Cadarr, appeared in Judge Scott's court this afternoon and asked that bond be fixed for his client. Judge Scott placed the amount at \$2,000, but later in the day, on motion of Prosecuting Attorney Mulvey, the bond was increased to \$3,000.

To Succeed Farquhar.

Rear Admiral Higginson Will Assume Command May 1.

It was announced today that Rear Admiral F. J. Higginson will be detached as chairman of the Lighthouse board April 30 and assume the duty of commander-in-chief of the North Atlantic station May 1, relieving Rear Admiral M. H. Farquhar, who is ordered to assume the duties of a member of the high court of appeals.

Retirement of Baron Fava.

The Italian ambassador, Baron Fava, will return here tomorrow, after some weeks spent in New York, during which time announcements were made of his retirement from the post here and the appointment of his successor. Those fully familiar with the circumstances say that Baron Fava forwarded his resignation to the government some time ago, as he was already beyond the retiring age of the Italian diplomatic service.

Retirement of Capt. Greene.

Capt. J. G. Greene, who recently commanded the cruiser New Orleans, will be placed on the retired list on the 15th proximo, with the rank of rear admiral, in accordance with the provisions of the act of Congress.

Naval Orders.

Capt. H. W. Lyon has been detached from duty at the New York navy yard and placed on waiting orders.

Lieut. Commander W. S. Venson, from the Kearsarge to the branch hydrographic office at New York.

Invites Submission of Designs.

In pursuance of the law the commission named therein invited competition for designs of architects for the proposed building on Mount Vernon Square with the funds contributed by Mr. Carnegie.

DESCRIPTION OF THE EDIFICE

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THE CORNERSTONE

Historic Granite Block to Be Laid at New Public Library.

INFORMAL EXERCISES TOMORROW

Public Celebration to Await Completion of Building.

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WEATHER CLEARING UP

High Water, Still Continues at Huntington, West Virginia.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, April 23.—

Although the Ohio river is rising, and the waters of the Little Miami and Mill creek surround the city, there is no longer any alarm here on account of the flood, as it is confidently predicted the river will not reach as high a stage as was expected.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 23.—

The Allegheny bureau of health commenced a thorough inspection of the flooded districts. Every house that was inundated was inspected and the occupants notified to thoroughly cleanse and disinfect it to prevent disease or a plague. If the order is not obeyed within five days the occupants will be prosecuted. A similar inspection was made in this city by the Pittsburgh officials.

Location of the Stone.

The corner stone will rest at the northeast corner of the building, that being the masonic corner. Before it is placed in position a copper box, filled with seals and articles as listed below, will be sealed in the presence of those in attendance and placed within the recess chiseled for its reception. The box will contain:

Copy of invitation sent to guests present.
List of names of the board of trustees.
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DEAD BODY OF MARTIN MYERS FOUND IN HOTEL ROOM.

Circumstances Indicate Suicide—His Relatives in Pennsylvania Notified of His Death.

Martin Myers, about twenty-five years old, was found asphyxiated in a room on the top floor of the St. Charles Hotel, No. 495 Pennsylvania avenue, about noon today. Coroner Nevitt viewed the body and concluded, from the circumstances surrounding the young man's death, that he committed suicide.

Library of Modern Type.

The idea of a tax-sustained public library of the modern type for Washington, to supplement to the public schools, for the benefit of nearly 50,000 school children, a people's free university, open at night for the local workmen, was first suggested and discussed in the local press, and in the Washington Post, April 24, 1901.

Noticed the Odor of Gas.

A guest of the hotel noticed the odor of gas in the hall this morning, but paid no attention to it.

Later a colored domestic reported to William Kaletsky, the hotel proprietor, that the door of Myers' room was locked and gas was escaping.

It is Understood That Diplomatic Relations Will Be Resumed.

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Col. Marry's Statement.

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NEW DISBURSING CLERK.

Generally Believed That Sydney E. Smith Will Be Appointed.

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P. A. ROCKEFELLER MARRIED.

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Wool Mill Troubles Settled.

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2 per cent, registered, 1904.	106 1/2	106 1/2
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3 per cent, coupon, 1904-1905.	111 1/2	111 1/2
4 per cent, registered, 1905.	113 1/2	113 1/2
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5 per cent, registered, 1905.	118 1/2	118 1/2
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Hearing was begun today before Justice Bradley of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, sitting as a court of prize, in the case of the Sampson, instituted by Admiral George Dewey and other officers, claiming prize money in the following captures: The Don Juan de Austria, Isla de Cuba and Isla de Luzon; the Manila, Rapido, Callao and other property afloat; the naval stores in the Cavite naval station and the captured cascos.

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Alleged Questions of Fact.

The chief questions of fact involved are questions as to the value of these various classes of prize property. It has been agreed that these questions shall be referred to an auditor for report, the court at the present hearing to pass upon the questions of law involved and to frame a decree of which the auditor's report shall be filed in upon subsequent findings of the auditor.

As to the points of law before the court.

As to the points of law before the court, it is conceded that the first class of prize property, vessels captured afloat, their outfits and supplies, are rightly the subject of prize and that a decree of condemnation is proper in their behalf for these. The questions being discussed are:

Are the Don Juan de Austria, the Isla de Cuba and the Isla de Luzon prize?

Is the property captured ashore prize?

If so, is the property restored to Spain to be sold by the United States?

ADMIRAL SAMPSON'S CLAIM.

Following the argument in the Dewey case, hearing will be had in connection with the libel in prize instituted by Wm. T. Sampson, rear admiral United States navy, in his own behalf and also in behalf of the officers and enlisted men of the United States naval force on the north Atlantic station who took part in the naval engagement of Manila Bay, and the capture of the subsequent captures, against the Spanish vessel of war, Infanta Maria Theresa, and miscellaneous stores and supplies captured upon her and other Spanish vessels.

COL. BERRET'S WILL.

Bequests Left to Various Local Institutions.

The last will and testament of Col. Jas. G. Berret, ex-mayor of Washington, D. C., dated December 20, 1900, was filed today for probate. To Ruth Ann Berret, widow of his brother, Julius B. Berret, he bequeaths \$1,000; to Nancy B. Berret, widow of his brother, Joseph H. Berret, for life, and then to her daughter, Mary E. O'D. Berret, for life, and then to the Holy Family, a Catholic church, at the northwest corner of Baltimore and Gay streets, Baltimore, Md.; to his nephew James G. Berret, Jr., and his wife, Emma, for life, certain lands and tenements in the District of Columbia, county, Md.; to his niece, Eugenia B. George, \$1,000; to his sister-in-law, Nancy B. Berret, \$1,000; to his niece, Emma Berret, \$1,000; to his nephew, Richard Wallace, \$500; to his servant, Richard Wallace, \$500; to Caroline Jones, \$500.

Washington Stock Exchange.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
American Cotton Oil.	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
Am. Steel and Wire.	148 1/2	148 1/2	148 1/2	148 1/2
American Sugar.	148 1/2	148 1/2	148 1/2	148 1/2
Am. Tobacco.	148 1/2	148 1/2	148	